

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to the specification is in response to the Examiner's telephonic request of January 8, 2009 requesting that the abstract be recast in a single paragraph (138 words in total). No new matter has been entered. It is believed that this response places this case in immediate condition for allowance. Hence, prompt favorable reconsideration of this case is solicited.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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